(d) the names of places notified as "Air Pollution Control Areas" under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 during the last three years alongwith the views of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir. Structural changes are not proposed in the Central Pollution Control Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Air Pollution Control Areas in the respective States are notified by the respective State Governments after consultation with their State Pollution Control Boards. In respect of the Union Territories the Central Government notifies Air Pollution Control Areas in consultation with the Central Pollution Control Board. The Central Government has notified the whole of Union Territory of Delhi, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Pondicherry as Air Pollution Control Area. The Central Government has not notified any new Air Pollution Control Area in last three years.

[English]

Encroachment on Forest Land

2523. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received demands from various organisations to regularise the encroachment of Adivasis on forest land; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Representations have been received from time to time from various fora for regularisation of encroachments over forest land.

(b) Detailed guidelines have been issued by this Ministry on 18.9.90 regarding regularisation of encroachments taken place over forest land. The proposals received from the various State Governments, in this regard, are examined in accordance with the guidelines mentioned above and provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. So far, a total of 16 proposals from 8 State/U.T. Governments have been received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for regularisation of encroachments over forest land. Out of these, 5 proposals have been approved, 2 approved in principle, 8 are pending with the State Governments for essential details and 1 proposal has been rejected. Approval has been issued in respect of the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

River Valley Projects in Sikkim

2524. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount given by the Central Government for the River Valley Projects in Sikkim during the last three years;

(b) whether annual inspection has been conducted to find out the proper utilisation of funds by the Government; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Ministry of Environment and Forests has not released any funds for the River Valley projects in Sikkim.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Production of Cotton

2525. SHRI O P JINDAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether many State Governments are soliciting help of the foreign countries to raise the cotton yield;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps propose to be taken by the Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) There is no information available with the Ministry of Agriculture regarding State Governments soliciting help of the foreign countries to raise the cotton yield.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

[English]

Livestock Training Institute

2526. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1451 on July 23, 1996 and state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision on the proposal submitted by the Government of Kerala for sanctioning of grants for the development of Livestock Training Institute at Mattupatti;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the State Government has also sought assistance for some other projects; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala has been advised to revise the proposal so that it could be posed for FAO assistance. The revised proposal is awaited from the State Government.

(d) and (e) A project proposal for Rs. 282.9 lakhs received from the State Government has been referred back to the State Government for elucidation of several points and the reply is awaited.

National Human Rights Commission

2527 SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the name of States which have established the Human Rights Commission;

(b) the mechanism of coordination between the National Human Rights Commission and the State Human Rights Commissions;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has opened offices in States which have not established their own Commission; and

(d) the allocation of budget for the NHRC during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Assam.

(b) The statute governing the Human Rights Commissions does not envisage any formal system of coordination between the National Human Rights Commission and the State Human Rights Commission. However, the jurisdiction of a State Commission is limited to matters relatable to any of the entries enumerated in List-II and List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The National Human Rights Commission is barred from inquiring into any matter which is pending before a State Commission under-section (1) of section 36 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Similarly, a State Commission can not inquire into a matter if it is already being inquired into by the National Human Rights Commission (Proviso to sub-Section (5) of Section 21 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993). These provisions have been made with a view to ensuring complimentarity between the National Human Rights Commission and the State Commission and avoiding or minimising duplication.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Rupees three crores.

Price of DAP

2528. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have directed the State Governments to lower the prices of DAP to Rs. 7,773 per tonnes;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made and the reaction of the State Governments and industry thereto;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the impact on fertilizer industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) Government have issued guidelines on 6th July,'96 at the time of raising the concession on decontrolled fertilizers including DAP to State Governments and Union Territories to negotiate and arrive at prices most advantageous to farmers. In continuation Government has also shared with State/ UT administration the price settled (Rs. 7773/-PMT) by U.T. of Pondicherry for DAP.

Different State Governments and Union Territories have fixed different prices for DAP and other phosphatic fertilisers for Rabi 1996-97. The prices which vary from Rs. 8,200/- PMT plus taxes in case of Bihar to Rs. 9,160/- PMT (inclusive of taxes) in case of U.P. have presumably been arrived at after negotiations with manufacturers/suppliers.

[Translation]

Theft of Foodgrains

2529. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the theft of rice and wheat worth crores of rupees in the Food Corporation of India in Punjab during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such reports have also been received from other States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.